

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please rewrite the Abstract of the Disclosure as shown on the attached sheet captioned
"ABSTRACT."

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claim 1 as follows:

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--1. (Amended) Method for communication between an application program and a network device driver program through intermediate structure software, comprising the steps of:

- a. supplying of application data units from the application program to a first program object being part of the intermediate structure software;
- b. performing of first functions of the first program object on the application data units;
- c. supplying of resulting first data units from the first program object to a second program object being part of the intermediate structure software;
- d. performing of second functions of the second program object on the first data units;
- e. supplying of the resulting second data units to the network device driver program;

wherein supplying data units between program objects is accomplished by passing references pointing to memory locations of the data units.--

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